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SUBJ: SOVIET JOURNAL INDICATES EXPANDED INTERNATIONAL ROLE

FOR CEMA

REF: STATE 166532, 124378; MOSCOW 9815, 9958

1. SUMMARY: ARTICLE IN AUTHORITATIVE SOVIET JOURNAL KOMMUNIST STATES THAT IN WAKE OF GROWING SUCCESS OF CEMA INTEGRATION, CEMA IS SHIFTING FROM MERE REGIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION TO STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT FORCE IN POLITICAL-ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WITH REST OF WORLD. IT CITES INCREASE IN CEMA TIES OR PROSPECTIVE TIES WITH NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES AND OTHER ECONOMIC GROUPS, YUGOSLAVIA, FINLAND, WESTERN EUROPE, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCLUDING ANDEAN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA. SPECIAL CEMA INVESTMENT BANK FUND FOR AID TO LDC'S WILL BEGIN OPERATING JANUARY 1974. END SUMMARY

2. AGAINST BACKGROUND OF CURRENT SERIES OF VISITS TO MOSCOW BY EE LEADERS TO DISCUSS FURTHER CEMA INTEGRATION (EMBASSY REFTELS) PARTY THEORETICAL JOURNAL KOMMUNIST (NUMBER 12) ASSERTS THAT CEMA HAS NOW MOVED FROM REGIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION TO STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN POLITICAL-ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WITH CAPITALIST WORLD. ARTICLE BY K. MISKULSKIN ENTITLED INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE SOCIALIST ECONOMIC INTEGRATION NOTES STRONG AFFIRMATION AT JULY MEETING OF CEMA COUNTRY LEADERS IN CRIMEA AND CLAIMS THAT CEMA COMPLEX PROGRAM NOW FULLY LAUNCHED. SUCCESS CHALKED UP TO DATE INCLUDES COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC POWER PLANTS, AUTOMATED PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN EE.

3. MISKULSKIN THEN NOTES THAT NEW ADVANTAGES NOW ACCRUING TO BOTH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS RESULT CEMA'S STRONGER INTERNATIONAL POSITION. THEY INCLUDE:

A) INTEREST OF OTHER COUNTRIES NOT ONLY IN EXPANDING ECONOMIC TIES WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES BUT ALSO WITH CEMA ORGANIZATION ITSELF. NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ACTIVELY DEVELOPING COOPERATION WITH CEMA IN VARIOUS FORMS, EITHER AS OBSERVERS AT MEETINGS OR THROUGH PARTIAL OFFICIAL USE

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CIPATION IN CERTAIN CEMA COMMITTEES. YUGOSLAVIA CITED AS A LEADING EXAMPLE, HAVING SENT PRIME MINISTER TO TWENTY-SIXTH CEMA COUNCIL MEETING AND STEADILY INCREASING PARTICIPATION SOME SECTORS OF COMPLEX PROGRAM SUCH AS MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY.

B) STRONGER NEGOTIATING POSITION FOR SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN DEALING WITH WESTERN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

IN CONTACTS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES CEMA CIRCUMVENTS
DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES AGAINST SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IMPOSED
BY INDIVIDUAL WESTERN GOVERNMENTS. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH
AGREEMENTS DIRECTLY BETWEEN CEMA ORGANIZATIONS AND WESTERN COUNTRIES.
RECENT AGREEMENT WITH FINLAND CITED AS EXAMPLE.

C) DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN NOW ACQUIRE NEW
LEVERAGE IN THEIR ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS WITH DEVELOPED
COUNTRY MONOPOLIES THROUGH ASSOCIATION WITH CEMA. IN APRIL
1973 REPRESENTATIVES OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAD DISCUSSIONS
WITH CEMA OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW AND THIS SUMMER FOREIGN
MINISTERS OF ANDEAN COUNTRIES (CHILE, PERU, VENEZUELA,
BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR) DISCUSSED DEVELOPMENT OF
RELATIONS WITH CEMA. CEMA TIES WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
WILL INCREASE FURTHER THROUGH OPERATION OF SPECIAL CEMA
INVESTMENT BANK FUND FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH
WILL TAKE EFFECT JANUARY FIRST 1974.

D) GOOD POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR DIRECT MUTUALLY-
ADVANTAGEOUS CEMA COOPERATION WITH WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.
POSSIBLE LINKS BETWEEN CEMA ELECTRIC POWER GRID MIR AND
POWER NETWORKS OF FRG, FRANCE, ITALY, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS,
LUXEMBOURG, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE
FIRST STEP.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH KOMMUNIST MAKES NO SPECIFIC MENTION
OF POSSIBLE CEMA NEGOTIATIONS WITH EEC, APPEARS EVIDENT
THAT ARTICLE IS PART OF DEVELOPING SOVIET CAMPAIGN TO
ESTABLISH CEMA AS ORGANIZATION COMPARABLE TO
COMMON MARKET. OTHER RECENT INDICATIONS OF CEMA EFFORTS
TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL STATUS HAVE BEEN CEMA ORGANIZATION
TALKS WITH OFFICIALS OF SOUTH YEMEN GOVERNMENT (REPORTED
PRAVDA AUG. 17) AND REPORTS THAT IRAQ NOW HAS SOME FORM
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